

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-10 as presented in the underlying International Application No. PCT/EP2004/007358 without prejudice.

Please add new claims as indicated in the listing of claims below. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1 to 10 (canceled).

Claim 11 (new): A transport device for sleeve-shaped covers for cylinders in printing units of a printing press, the device comprising:

a translation element; and

a plurality of carrier elements for sleeve-shaped covers, the carrier elements being received on the translation element, movement of the translation element causing at least a group of the carrier elements to be positioned in a vicinity of the cylinders of the printing press such that sleeve-shaped covers received on the carrier elements of the group are transferable directly from the carrier elements to the cylinders or that sleeve-shaped covers received on the cylinders are transferable directly to the carrier elements of the group.

Claim 12 (new): The transport device as recited in claim 11 further comprising at least one device for mounting a plate-shaped printing master to at least one of the sleeve-shaped covers at one position of the translation element.

Claim 13 (new): The transport device as recited in claim 12 wherein the device for mounting includes at least one heating element or a pressure element.

Claim 14 (new): The transport device as recited in claim 11 further comprising at least one device for removing a plate-shaped printing master from at least one of the sleeve-shaped covers at one position of the translation element.

Claim 15 (new): The transport device as recited in claim 14 wherein the device for removing includes at least one suction device.

Claim 16 (new): The transport device as recited in claim 11 further comprising a device for mounting plate-shaped printing masters to the sleeve-shaped covers, the device for mounting being integrated in a path of a web of printing material in the printing press or a device for removing plate-shaped printing masters from the sleeve-shaped covers, the device for removing being integrated into the path of the web of printing material in the printing press.

Claim 17 (new): The transport device as recited in claim 11 wherein the translation element has a closed-loop transport path.

Claim 18 (new): A printing press comprising at least one transport device as recited in claim 11.

Claim 19 (new): A method of changing sleeve-shaped covers for cylinders in printing units of a printing press using a plurality of carrier elements received on a translation element and designed to carry the sleeve-shaped covers, comprising the steps of:

positioning a group of empty carrier elements in front of cylinders that carry sleeve-shaped covers in printing units;

removing and directly transferring the sleeve-shaped covers to the empty carrier elements;

positioning a further group of carrier elements for receiving sleeve-shaped covers in front of the cylinders; and

directly transferring and mounting the sleeve-shaped covers to the cylinders.

Claim 20 (new): The method of changing sleeve-shaped covers as recited in claim 19 wherein the sleeve-shaped covers are transfer cylinder sleeves.

Claim 21 (new): The method as recited in claim 20 further comprising:

positioning a second group of empty carrier elements in front of printing master cylinders

that carry plate-shaped printing masters in printing units;

removing and directly transferring the plate-shaped printing masters to the empty carrier elements;

positioning a further second group of carrier elements for receiving plate-shaped printing masters in front of the printing master cylinders; and

directly transferring and mounting the plate-shaped printing masters to the printing master cylinders.